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MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on December 3, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

First, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection to claim 48 has not been sufficiently addressed, and it is suggested to either add the term "retention members" to the specification in a manner such that it is clear as to what disclosed structure it refers, or to replace "retention members" in the claim with terminology that is disclosed in the specification.

Second, the rejection to claim 77, line 13 has not been addressed.

To expedite matters, the response should be sent via fax to the number for formal papers listed below.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Tuesday through Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3590; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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